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## VETERAN NEWS ANCHOR JOANNE WILLIAMS NAMED NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AT STRITCH



After three decades as one of Milwaukee's most recognizable and trusted faces in broadcast journalism, TV reporter and news anchor Joanne Williams will join Cardinal Stritch University Nov. 10 as vice president for public relations and marketing.

"We are immensely excited to welcome Joanne to the Stritch community," said Stritch President Dr. Helen C. Sobehart. "She brings a wealth of integrity and has great respect in the Milwaukee community and beyond.

"Joanne has spent many years weaving herself into the fabric and trust of Milwaukee. As Stritch has also spent many years weaving education and outreach into the community, Joanne is a wonderful match with our mission. She will be a great asset in continuing to tell the University's story."

Williams, currently the education reporter and midday news anchor for WITI-TV Fox 6, started in the business in 1971. She began her career at WITI-TV or "TV6" in 1979 as community relations director, a time when Ward Allen and Albert the Alley Cat were still delivering the daily weather forecast.

She later served as news anchor, medical reporter and education reporter at the station. As an education reporter, Williams has covered a wide variety of topics ranging from Project Head Start to No Child Left Behind to college affordability.

"For my entire career, it has been my privilege and responsibility to report the news," Williams said. "In this next phase in my career, I am very excited to work with Dr. Sobehart and the Public Relations team at Stritch to make some news."

Williams' new position within higher education also has a deeply personal significance to her.

Williams' father, John J. Williams, received a teaching certificate from the Milwaukee State Normal School, now the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, but was unable to find a job, as Milwaukee was not hiring African-American teachers in the 1930s. As a result, he taught briefly in Oklahoma before returning to Milwaukee to take a position with the United States Postal Service.

John's passion for education remained, and after his retirement from the USPS, he returned to education in positions with the State of Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board and the Milwaukee Urban League.

At age 70, he received his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. And shortly thereafter, he was hired as a counselor at UW-Platteville.

"I'm following in his footsteps," Williams said. "And I've become very interested in education, both as a mother and education reporter. I've met so many people in education reporting who went to Stritch, so I realized that Stritch is doing something very well for a lot of people."

Williams is past president of the Milwaukee Press Club and the Wisconsin Black Media Association. She also served as regional director of the National Association of Black Journalists. She is highly involved in various community activities including service on the boards of the Milwaukee Urban League and YWCA. She recently was coordinator for the Milwaukee Forum, a multi-ethnic leadership discussion group sponsored by business and non-profit organizations.

# NLNAC TO RECOMMEND EIGHT-YEAR ACCREDITATION TO STRITCH ADN PROGRAM

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission recently completed an accreditation visit for Stritch's associate degree in nursing program, and has recommended that the Ruth S. Coleman College of Nursing be awarded continuing ADN program accreditation for an additional eight years.

The eight-year recommendation is the maximum possible. The College will receive official notification of the commission's final decision in March 2009.

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission is nationally recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting agency for postsecondary and higher degree nursing programs.

"As a result of this visit, we have been able to identify the strengths as well as areas for improvement in the ADN program," said Ruth Waite, college dean. "We look forward to the continued growth and strengthening of the ADN program at Stritch based upon this accreditation recommendation."

During the visit, the College was required to demonstrate compliance in seven core areas, including curriculum, educational effectiveness, mission, faculty evaluation, student services, financial resources, and integrity.

"I wish to extend congratulations to Ruth Waite and Lori Stutte for their leadership and hard work," said Dr. Marna Boyle, vice president for academic affairs. "I also want to say thank you to the administrative staff of Lorri Nelson, Tracey Hassinger, and Sister Jessine Reiss and the entire College of Nursing faculty that contributed to this very successful outcome."

## *New Stritch Staff*

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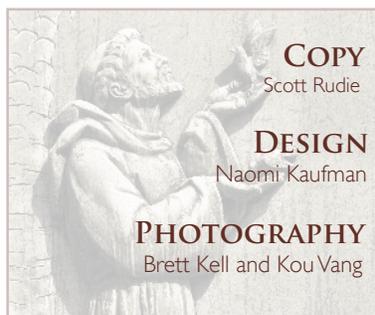


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# The Inauguration of

# DR. HELEN C. SOBEHART

as President of Cardinal Stritch University

## INAUGURAL WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events will take place on the Cardinal Stritch University campus, 6801 N. Yates Road, Milwaukee, unless noted.

### Friday, Oct. 3

**Blessing/Sending of the Franciscan Pilgrims** | 12:10 p.m. Mass | *Tent on Stritch grounds*  
**Transitus Prayer Service** | 6:30 p.m. | *Tent on Stritch grounds* | Reception to follow

### Saturday, Oct. 4 - Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

**Blessing of the Animals** | 1 p.m. | *North side of soccer field near parking Lot 6*  
**Dedication of Heritage Park** | 3 p.m. Mass and dedication ceremony  
*Heritage Park/tent on Stritch grounds* | Reception to follow

### Monday, Oct. 6 - Special faculty/staff event

**Faculty/Staff breakfast** | 8-9:30 a.m. | *Leadership Commons*

### Tuesday, Oct. 7 - Special student-only events

**Ice Cream Social with the President** | Noon-1:30 p.m. | *Union courtyard*  
Daytime and commuter students are invited to talk with Dr. Sobehart.  
Featuring music, ice cream and topping bar | Rainout: Great Hall  
**Pizza With the President** | 5:30-7 p.m. | *Student Union*  
Evening students are invited to talk with Dr. Sobehart. Featuring music and free pizza.

### Friday, Oct. 10

**Symposium: "Women Weaving the Web of Social Justice"** | 1-5 p.m.  
Distinguished scholars from around the globe will engage in a panel discussion on social justice issues through the lens of women in leadership, their role and influence in educational leadership, and the impact they have on children. | *Sister Camille Kliebhan Conference Center, Bonaventure Hall*  
Details and a list of speakers are available at [www.stritch.edu/inauguration](http://www.stritch.edu/inauguration).

#### "A Photographic Journey of Discovery: Women and Children Around the World"

Katherine Houghton Photography Exhibit | 6-8 p.m.  
This scholar and documentary photographer has circumnavigated the world twice, capturing the images of underrepresented women and children, whose issues she seeks to highlight. She will be present to discuss her work. | *Bonaventure Hall, second floor promenade* | Appetizers/light dinner served

### Saturday, Oct. 11 (Bus transportation from the Stritch campus to the Cousins Center will be provided.)

**Inaugural Mass** | 11-1 p.m.

**Installation Ceremony** | 2:30 p.m.

Join Stritch's Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and distinguished local, national and international guests in a celebration of Franciscan leadership as Dr. Helen C. Sobehart is formally installed as the sixth president of Cardinal Stritch University.

*Both of these events will take place at the Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center, Mater Christi Chapel, 3501 S. Lake Dr., St. Francis, Wisconsin.*

### Convocation Friday, Oct. 3 3:10 p.m.

Nancy Kendall Theater

This year, the format of Stritch's annual convocation will be different from previous years. As always, students, faculty and staff are cordially invited, but the event itself will be an informal affair. Dr. Sobehart will use the occasion to present a state of the university report. ✳ This event will serve as the official kickoff of the festivities associated with inauguration week. Although classes will not be cancelled as in previous years, all are encouraged to attend if they are able.